



Kentucky State Data Center

United States Census 2000

State of Kentucky

Recently released redistricting data from Census 2000, called Public Law 94-171 data, reveal that, between 1990 and 2000, the state's population grew by 9.7 percent (356,473 persons) to 4,041,769. By way of comparison, the U.S. grew 13.2 percent during the past decade. Kentucky ranks 27th in the nation based on numeric change in population and 28th based on percent change. *For more information on population changes for the state, counties, and cities, visit our website at <http://cbpa.louisville.edu/ksdc/pldata.htm>*

In 2000, 24.6 percent of Kentucky's population was under 18 years of age, down slightly from 25.9 percent in 1990.

Only 1.1 percent of Kentuckians identified themselves as being multi-racial. Of those who indicated only one race, 91.0 percent were white, 7.4 percent Black or African-American, 0.7 percent Asian, 0.2 percent American Indian or Alaska Native, and 0.6 percent some other race in 2000.

People of Hispanic origin account for 1.5 percent of the state's population in 2000, up from 0.6 percent in 1990.

Future Census Data Releases

Summary File 1, which contains all the information collected on the short-form questionnaire, will be released on a state-by-state flow basis during June–September 2001. In addition to housing unit counts at the block level, SF1 will provide greater age detail, household and group quarter information, and housing occupancy and tenure, cross-tabulated by 63 race categories and Hispanic or Latino origin.

Summary File 3 contains all data from the long-form questionnaire, such as income, poverty, education, occupation, housing values, rental costs, plumbing facilities, etc. The SF3 file is scheduled for state-by-state release between June–September 2002.

Data will be posted to our website (<http://cbpa.louisville.edu/ksdc>) as soon as it becomes available. It will also be available on the Census Bureau site at <http://www.census.gov>

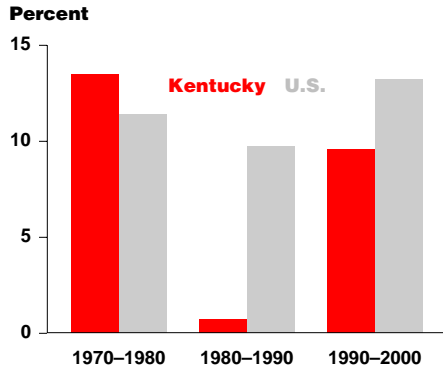
Kentucky's ADDs

Kentucky's fastest-growing Area Development Districts between the last two decennial census periods were Northern Kentucky (16.8 percent), Bluegrass (16.3 percent), Barren River (15.1 percent), and Gateway (14.9 percent).

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Population Change in Kentucky's Largest Cities, 1990–2000

City	County	2000 Census	1990 Census	Change 1990–2000 Number	Percent
Lexington-Fayette	Fayette	260,512	225,366	35,146	15.6
Louisville	Jefferson	256,231	269,063	-12,832	-4.8
Owensboro	Daviess	54,067	53,549	518	1.0
Bowling Green	Warren	49,296	40,641	8,655	21.3
Covington	Kenton	43,370	43,264	106	0.2
Hopkinsville	Christian	30,089	29,809	280	0.9
Frankfort	Franklin	27,741	25,968	1,773	6.8
Henderson	Henderson	27,373	25,945	1,428	5.5
Richmond	Madison	27,152	21,155	5,997	28.3
Jeffersontown	Jefferson	26,633	23,221	3,412	14.7
Paducah	McCracken	26,307	27,256	-949	-3.5

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Resident Population of Kentucky and Counties

	Census Year				Percent Change		
	2000	1990	1980	1970	90-00	80-90	70-80
Kentucky	4,041,769	3,685,296	3,660,324	3,220,711	9.7	0.7	13.6
Adair	17,244	15,360	15,233	13,037	12.3	0.8	16.8
Allen	17,800	14,628	14,128	12,598	21.7	3.5	12.1
Anderson	19,111	14,571	12,567	9,358	31.2	15.9	34.3
Ballard	8,286	7,902	8,798	8,276	4.9	-10.2	6.3
Barren	38,033	34,001	34,009	28,677	11.9	-0.0	18.6
Bath	11,085	9,692	10,025	9,235	14.4	-3.3	8.6
Bell	30,060	31,506	34,330	31,121	-4.6	-8.2	10.3
Boone	85,991	57,589	45,842	32,812	49.3	25.6	39.7
Bourbon	19,360	19,236	19,405	18,476	0.6	-0.9	5.0
Boyd	49,752	51,150	55,513	52,376	-2.7	-7.9	6.0
Boyle	27,697	25,641	25,066	21,861	8.0	2.3	14.7
Bracken	8,279	7,766	7,738	7,227	6.6	0.4	7.1
Breathitt	16,100	15,703	17,004	14,221	2.5	-7.7	19.6
Breckinridge	18,648	16,312	16,861	14,789	14.3	-3.3	14.0
Bullitt	61,236	47,567	43,346	26,090	28.7	9.7	66.1
Butler	13,010	11,245	11,064	9,723	15.7	1.6	13.8
Caldwell	13,060	13,232	13,473	13,179	-1.3	-1.8	2.2
Calloway	34,177	30,735	30,031	27,692	11.2	2.3	8.4
Campbell	88,616	83,866	83,317	88,704	5.7	0.7	-6.1
Carlisle	5,351	5,238	5,487	5,354	2.2	-4.5	2.5
Carroll	10,155	9,292	9,270	8,523	9.3	0.2	8.8
Carter	26,889	24,340	25,060	19,850	10.5	-2.9	26.2
Casey	15,447	14,211	14,818	12,930	8.7	-4.1	14.6
Christian	72,265	68,941	66,878	56,224	4.8	3.1	18.9
Clark	33,144	29,496	28,322	24,090	12.4	4.1	17.6
Clay	24,556	21,746	22,752	18,481	12.9	-4.4	23.1
Clinton	9,634	9,135	9,321	8,174	5.5	-2.0	14.0
Crittenden	9,384	9,196	9,207	8,493	2.0	-0.1	8.4
Cumberland	7,147	6,784	7,289	6,850	5.4	-6.9	6.4
Daviess	91,545	87,189	85,949	79,486	5.0	1.4	8.1
Edmonson	11,644	10,357	9,962	8,751	12.4	4.0	13.8
Elliott	6,748	6,455	6,908	5,933	4.5	-6.6	16.4
Estill	15,307	14,614	14,495	12,752	4.7	0.8	13.7
Fayette	260,512	225,366	204,165	174,323	15.6	10.4	17.1
Fleming	13,792	12,292	12,323	11,366	12.2	-0.3	8.4
Floyd	42,441	43,586	48,764	35,889	-2.6	-10.6	35.9
Franklin	47,687	43,781	41,830	34,481	8.9	4.7	21.3
Fulton	7,752	8,271	8,971	10,183	-6.3	-7.8	-11.9
Gallatin	7,870	5,393	4,842	4,134	45.9	11.4	17.1
Garrard	14,792	11,579	10,853	9,457	27.7	6.7	14.8
Grant	22,384	15,737	13,308	9,999	42.2	18.3	33.1
Graves	37,028	33,550	34,049	30,939	10.4	-1.5	10.1
Grayson	24,053	21,050	20,854	16,445	14.3	0.9	26.8
Green	11,518	10,371	11,043	10,350	11.1	-6.1	6.7
Greenup	36,891	36,742	39,132	33,192	0.4	-6.1	17.9
Hancock	8,392	7,864	7,742	7,080	6.7	1.6	9.4
Hardin	94,174	89,240	88,911	78,421	5.5	0.4	13.4
Harlan	33,202	36,574	41,889	37,370	-9.2	-12.7	12.1
Harrison	17,983	16,248	15,166	14,158	10.7	7.1	7.1
Hart	17,445	14,890	15,402	13,980	17.2	-3.3	10.2
Henderson	44,829	43,044	40,849	36,031	4.1	5.4	13.4
Henry	15,060	12,823	12,740	10,910	17.4	0.7	16.8
Hickman	5,262	5,566	6,065	6,264	-5.5	-8.2	-3.2
Hopkins	46,519	46,126	46,174	38,167	0.9	-0.1	21.0
Jackson	13,495	11,955	11,996	10,005	12.9	-0.3	19.9
Jefferson	693,604	664,937	684,638	695,055	4.3	-2.9	-1.5
Jessamine	39,041	30,508	26,065	17,430	28.0	17.0	49.5
Johnson	23,445	23,248	24,432	17,539	0.8	-4.8	39.3
Kenton	151,464	142,031	137,058	129,440	6.6	3.6	5.9

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Knott	17,649	17,906	17,940	14,698	-1.4	-0.2	22.1
Knox	31,795	29,676	30,239	23,689	7.1	-1.9	27.6
Larue	13,373	11,679	11,922	10,672	14.5	-2.0	11.7
Laurel	52,715	43,438	38,982	27,386	21.4	11.4	42.3
Lawrence	15,569	13,998	14,121	10,726	11.2	-0.9	31.7
Lee	7,916	7,422	7,754	6,587	6.7	-4.3	17.7
Leslie	12,401	13,642	14,882	11,623	-9.1	-8.3	28.0
Letcher	25,277	27,000	30,687	23,165	-6.4	-12.0	32.5
Lewis	14,092	13,029	14,545	12,355	8.2	-10.4	17.7
Lincoln	23,361	20,045	19,053	16,663	16.5	5.2	14.3
Livingston	9,804	9,062	9,219	7,596	8.2	-1.7	21.4
Logan	26,573	24,416	24,138	21,793	8.8	1.2	10.8
Lyon	8,080	6,624	6,490	5,562	22.0	2.1	16.7
McCracken	65,514	62,879	61,310	58,281	4.2	2.6	5.2
McCreary	17,080	15,603	15,634	12,548	9.5	-0.2	24.6
McLean	9,938	9,628	10,090	9,062	3.2	-4.6	11.3
Madison	70,872	57,508	53,352	42,730	23.2	7.8	24.9
Magoffin	13,332	13,077	13,515	10,443	1.9	-3.2	29.4
Marion	18,212	16,499	17,910	16,714	10.4	-7.9	7.2
Marshall	30,125	27,205	25,637	20,381	10.7	6.1	25.8
Martin	12,578	12,526	13,925	9,377	0.4	-10.0	48.5
Mason	16,800	16,666	17,760	17,273	0.8	-6.2	2.8
Meade	26,349	24,170	22,854	18,796	9.0	5.8	21.6
Menifee	6,556	5,092	5,117	4,050	28.8	-0.5	26.3
Mercer	20,817	19,148	19,011	15,960	8.7	0.7	19.1
Metcalfe	10,037	8,963	9,484	8,177	12.0	-5.5	16.0
Monroe	11,756	11,401	12,353	11,642	3.1	-7.7	6.1
Montgomery	22,554	19,561	20,046	15,364	15.3	-2.4	30.5
Morgan	13,948	11,648	12,103	10,019	19.7	-3.8	20.8
Muhlenberg	31,839	31,318	32,238	27,537	1.7	-2.9	17.1
Nelson	37,477	29,710	27,584	23,477	26.1	7.7	17.5
Nicholas	6,813	6,725	7,157	6,508	1.3	-6.0	10.0
Ohio	22,916	21,105	21,765	18,790	8.6	-3.0	15.8
Oldham	46,178	33,263	27,795	14,687	38.8	19.7	89.2
Owen	10,547	9,035	8,924	7,470	16.7	1.2	19.5
Owsley	4,858	5,036	5,709	5,023	-3.5	-11.8	13.7
Pendleton	14,390	12,036	10,989	9,949	19.6	9.5	10.5
Perry	29,390	30,283	33,763	26,259	-2.9	-10.3	28.6
Pike	68,736	72,583	81,123	61,059	-5.3	-10.5	32.9
Powell	13,237	11,686	11,101	7,704	13.3	5.3	44.1
Pulaski	56,217	49,489	45,803	35,234	13.6	8.0	30.0
Robertson	2,266	2,124	2,270	2,163	6.7	-6.4	4.9
Rockcastle	16,582	14,803	13,973	12,305	12.0	5.9	13.6
Rowan	22,094	20,353	19,049	17,010	8.6	6.8	12.0
Russell	16,315	14,716	13,708	10,542	10.9	7.4	30.0
Scott	33,061	23,867	21,813	17,948	38.5	9.4	21.5
Shelby	33,337	24,824	23,328	18,999	34.3	6.4	22.8
Simpson	16,405	15,145	14,673	13,054	8.3	3.2	12.4
Spencer	11,766	6,801	5,929	5,488	73.0	14.7	8.0
Taylor	22,927	21,146	21,178	17,138	8.4	-0.2	23.6
Todd	11,971	10,940	11,874	10,823	9.4	-7.9	9.7
Trigg	12,597	10,361	9,384	8,620	21.6	10.4	8.9
Trimble	8,125	6,090	6,253	5,349	33.4	-2.6	16.9
Union	15,637	16,557	17,821	15,882	-5.6	-7.1	12.2
Warren	92,522	76,673	71,828	57,884	20.7	6.7	24.1
Washington	10,916	10,441	10,764	10,728	4.5	-3.0	0.3
Wayne	19,923	17,468	17,022	14,268	14.1	2.6	19.3
Webster	14,120	13,955	14,832	13,282	1.2	-5.9	11.7
Whitley	35,865	33,326	33,396	24,145	7.6	-0.2	38.3
Wolfe	7,065	6,503	6,698	5,669	8.6	-2.9	18.2
Woodford	23,208	19,955	17,778	14,434	16.3	12.2	23.2

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The populations of Big Sandy and Kentucky River fell slightly between the two census periods.

Kentucky's Counties

Topping the list of Kentucky's fastest-growing counties was Spencer County, which grew at a rapid 73.0 percent rate from 6,801 persons in 1990 to 11,766 persons in 2000.

Other counties that had growth rates in excess of 30 percent include: Boone (49.3 percent), Gallatin (45.9 percent), Grant (42.2 percent), Oldham (38.8 percent), Scott (38.5 percent), Shelby (34.3 percent), Trimble (33.4 percent), and Anderson (31.2 percent).

An additional 11 counties experienced growth rates of between 20 and 30 percent during the ten-year period.

Between the 1990 and 2000 censuses, 14 counties experienced declines in population that ranged between one and ten percent.

Lexington Surpasses Louisville

For the first time, the population of Lexington-Fayette surpassed that of Louisville, historically the state's largest city. Lexington-Fayette, at 260,512 persons, which grew at a robust 15.6 percent rate (35,146 persons) from 1990 to 2000 is now larger than the City of Louisville, which declined in population by 4.8 percent during the same ten-year period to 256,231. Lexington's growth accounted for approximately ten percent of the net gain in the state's population.

Cities with 25,000 or More

The fastest growing "big" city in Kentucky was Richmond, in Madison County, with a 28.3 percent increase from 1990 to 2000. Following Richmond, the fastest-growing big cities were Bowling Green in Warren County (21.3 percent) and Jeffersonton in Jefferson County (14.7 percent).

1997 Poverty Estimates for Kentucky Counties

Economic conditions in recent years have improved for many Kentuckians, according to the Census Bureau's most recent estimates of poverty levels.

Poverty estimates indicated notable improvement in recent years. The state's poverty rate, following a small decrease from 1989 to 1996 (19.0 to 17.5 percent), dropped by another 1.5 percentage points to 16.0 percent in 1997. Kentucky improved its national ranking from the 45th to the 42nd least poor state during the eight-year period. This brings Kentucky more closely in line with the national poverty level, which increased from 13.1 percent in 1989 to 13.3 percent in 1997.

Children in Poverty

Kentucky's children, however, were more likely to live in poverty conditions than adults. In 1997, 23.1 percent of all children under 18 years old were in households with incomes below the

poverty threshold, showing only a small improvement from the 1989 level of 24.8. However, because the national poverty rate for children under 18 worsened during the same period, Kentucky moved up from 45th to 39th.

For children under five, this proportion increases to 25.0 percent. Although the poverty rate is higher than the other age groups, Kentucky moved from 45th to 38th compared to other states on this measure from 1989 to 1997.

These estimates were produced by the Census Bureau's Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates Program. For additional information on this program, a description of estimation methodology, and data on all states and counties, visit the Census Bureau's web site: (www.census.gov).

For more detailed data on Kentucky and its counties than reported in this newsletter, visit the KSDC web site: (cbpa.louisville.edu/ksdc).

Kentucky Counties Percent in Poverty, 1997

	Least Poor			Most Poor	
	All Persons	Under 18		All Persons	Under 18
Oldham	5.1	6.5	Owsley	40.9	50.0
Boone	6.3	9.5	Wolfe	36.6	46.4
Anderson	7.5	11.8	McCreary	35.3	46.6
Woodford	8.1	12.1	Lee	34.6	47.0
Bullitt	9.5	14.0	Clay	33.7	43.8

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